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SMILES ARE CONTAGIOUS

Pledge of Allegiance

I pledge allegiance
to the Flag
of the
United States of America
and to the Republic
for which it stands,
one nation under God,
indivisible,
with liberty and justice
for all.

INAUGURATION DAY

On January 20th, 1981, Mr. Ronald Reagan was sworn in as President of the United States of America. Our former President, Jimmy Carter, was President in a bad time: when energy was running out, prices were going up, the employment rate was low, and to top it off, Iran took 52 Americans hostage! But Jimmy did the best he could, and stepped down from his office with some glory. He made peace with Egypt and Israel and tried a daring attempt to free the hostages. Let's hope Ronnie doesn't have such a hard time.

On January 20, we watched the inauguration Day here at John Glenn. We saw Ronald Reagan take the oath of office. He was now the official President of the U. S. A. Jimmy Carter greeted him and wished him better luck than he had and people were cheering loudly.

Inauguration Day was the 444th day that the hostages were held captive. Five minutes after the oath was given to the President, the hostages were released. They arrived at a German hospital for a check-up, then took off on the long flight home a few days later.

FREEDOM DAY

Since the beginning of the hostage crisis on November 4, 1979, we have been remembering the hostages. Many students wrote Christmas letters to them and on December 21, 1979, we marched down to the Donahue Post Office to mail them. Last year's fifth graders wrote letters and made valentines for the hostages. They also went to the post office to mail them. After the hostages were released, Congress proclaimed January 29, 1981, as Freedom Day. So we, at John Glenn, had a Freedom Day celebration.

Someone came up with the idea of tying a yellow ribbon around the school. The idea grew, and a ribbon was placed across the front of our school. Most everyone wore red, white, and blue or a combination of all the colors. Everyone wore a yellow ribbon pinned on their left shoulder in remembrance of the hostages.

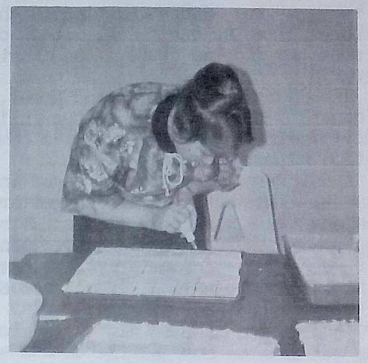
On January 27, the hostages received an official welcome at the White House from President Reagan. He made a short speech and there was a parade down 5th Avenue. We watched it here at John Glenn on television. There were tears in many an eye. The feelings on that day united us into one country again.

By Terry Schmidt
and
Clint Jones

An impressive all-school assembly was held in the afternoon. Color guards presented the flags. We sang patriotic songs, including "The Star Spangled Banner", "God Bless America", and many more. Some of the sixth graders read our Constitutional freedoms and explained what they mean. The fifth graders gave a choral reading. We listened to an old radio show record. It told us the story of the song "Yankee Doodle". Then we sang "Yankee Doodle".

A moment of silence was held for the eight Americans who died during the rescue attempt and black ribbons were placed on flags in memory of them. Cindy Long and Mike Conard read the names of the 52 hostages.

The teachers baked sheet cakes for us and Mrs. Wallace gave up her morning to come and ice the cakes and put a yellow ribbon on each piece. Everyone got a piece of cake after the assembly.



Channel 8, WQAD TV sent out a reporter and cameraman to film parts of the assembly. Some people were interviewed not only by Channel 8, but also by a Quad-City Times and North Scott Press reporter. One student, when asked if he wouldn't rather have the day off like some schools, replied that if he was not in school he would not be celebrating the day as Freedom Day, but just goofing off.

We are proud to be Americans.

By Bekah Knapper
and
Clint Jones

FREEDOMS

Freedom of Religion

Freedom of Speech

Freedom of Press

Right to Assemble Peaceably

No Search Without Warrant

Right to Petition

Right of Trial by Jury

FOLK MUSIC PROGRAM

On February 3rd, we met in the gym for an assembly. Peggy Morgan and Bette Phelan came and played some Appalachian Mountain and folk songs. Bette played a guitar and a dulcimer. Peggy played guitar and both sang. We participated in some of the songs by singing the chorus or clapping our hands. One of the songs we did was "Puff, the Magic Dragon".

The duo, called "Silk and Steel," has done 220 shows in five states in 14 weeks. Their program was a varied combination of song and narration.

A dulcimer is a three-stringed instrument. It is played like a guitar. There are two kinds of dulcimers: the European and the Appalachian Mountain. It is very long and has three strings. Two strings can play individual notes and the three strings combine to play chords.

By Terry Schmidt

TWO MONKEYS WHO LOVED SWINGS

Once there were two monkeys who loved swings. Ann Monkey said, "Come on and swing!" And Dan Monkey said, "O.K." Ann and Dan played all day until it was night. The next day the monkeys played on the swings. They did it over and over until Dan didn't want to do it anymore. Ann said, "Come on!" "But I do not want to," said Dan. Ann said, "I will not swing without you." "No, I do not want to!" said Dan. Dan and Ann did not swing any more. The end.

By Barbie Petersen

4TH GRADE PLAY

Just recently the fourth grade did a play called "Wise People of Gotham". It took place many years ago in England in the town square in Gotham. The townspeople were trying to fool the king because if he came he would have raised the taxes and taken the wisest people to his court: so they were acting dumb. In the end they ended up paying no taxes. Mrs. Kelding said the cast did an excellent job.

Here is a list of the cast and what they thought about the play.

Mike Ruggeberg - thought the play was fun.

Holly Meyer - thought it was interesting and it was fun acting because you were supposed to act dumb so the audience laughed at you.

Sheryl Fahrenkrog - She thought it was fun because everyone did good in it.

Jesse Peterson - He thought it was neat and he liked being in it.

Mike Reese - thought it was a decent treat because he was in it.

Terrie Lewis - She thought the play was neat and she liked the costumes. She said it was just fun acting in it.

Sara Shumaker - She thought it was fun and she liked the costumes.

Carla Gronewold - thought it was fun and liked it better than doing worksheets.

Heather Snyder - thought it was very, very cute.

Jennifer McReynolds - It was about the best play she did.

By Jenny Sailor
and
Susie Mathison

MARCH OF DIMES KICK-OFF

On January 23, a lady came and showed a movie about the March of Dimes Read-A-Thon. The movie was narrated by Dorothy Hamill. In it was a girl who was learning to ice skate and was riding a horse. She was blind. The March of Dimes helps prevent birth defects.

We all got a sign-up sheet. First we had to fill in the registration card and bring it to Mr. Ragona, then sign up sponsors and start reading! You only had one month to read the books. First through sixth grades could do it.

When the deadline comes, you collect the money from your sponsors and mail it in.

If you read one through nine books, you get a bronze medal, ten through eigh - teen books, a silver medal, or 19 or more, a gold medal. The medals hang on a red, white, and blue ribbon.

By Krista Wiese
and
Denise Kaczinski

PORK PRODUCERS

The second graders have completed a study put on by the Pork Producers. It was held during Agriculture Week.

Mrs. Gronewold and Mr. and Mrs. Madden came and talked to the second graders. Baby pigs were brought in and the children could hold and pet them. They were told about farming and what the farmer has to do to raise a baby pig till it goes to market. Pictures of machinery and charts were shown. The children found out what products are made from pork. The Maddens and Mrs. Gronewold did an excellent job.

Pictures were left for the children to color and everyone got balloons for prizes. Special prizes were:

1st Angela Peel
Heather Grove
2nd Jodee Gehrls
Debbie McGinnis
3rd Cindy Yates (absent from picture)
Dan Lafrenz
4th Layne Marti
Tenley Murphy
5th Jean Filson
Lynn Kling

SKATING PARTY

On March 20th we had our traditional all-school skating party. Everyone was encouraged to come and notes went home with everybody. The cost was $1.50. It usually costs $3.50. We skated from 2:30 to 4:30. Many teachers and parents also went. It was a huge success with very few bruises.

By Char Dwyer
and
Jenny Sailor

THE GROUNDHOG'S SHADOW

Groundhog Day is based on an old custom that people from Germany and Great Britain brought to America. They believed that it was a time for forecasting the weather for the next six weeks.

The groundhog supposedly sticks his head out of his home in the ground. If the sun is shining and he sees his shadow, he is frightened and crawls back in his home. This means there will be six weeks of winter. If the day is cloudy and the groundhog can not see his shadow, he stays out of his home and this means that spring is coming.

According to the news reports, one groundhog saw his shadow and one did not. Based on this "scientific" information, you call it the way you see it.

By Char Dwyer
and
Lisa Wiese

VALENTINE'S DAY

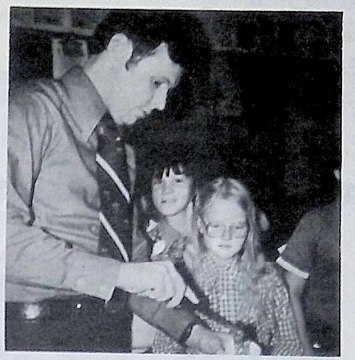
On February 13th most of the students wore red for an early Valentine's Day. The Student Council had a contest for the class that was the most dressed up and had the most red on. The AM Kindergarten won. We had classes all day except for the last period. Then most everyone attended some type of party.

Both kindergarten classes had a party. They exchanged valentines and had jello and cake.

Valentine cards were exchanged by first graders and they all enjoyed refreshments.

The second graders made their own sandwiches, using peanut butter, Cheese Whiz, bean sprouts, etc. They really enjoyed the lunch. After opening their valentines eating their lunch, no time was left for games.

Third grade students made ice cream in Mr. Garrington's science class. The flavors were rootbeer and coke. They also had cake and Kool-aid. Connie Braden brought Mississippi Mud, which is made of marshmallows, peanuts, eggs, water, and a chocolate cake mix. They exchanged valentines. They all agreed that the party was fun.



The fourth through sixth graders had a dance (for those who wanted to attend) in the gym and also had a contest for couples who danced the best. Judges picked four couples: Terry Schmidt and Kim McBride, Clint Jones and Jenny Sailor, Dan Meyer and Kelly Tobias, and Tim Chapin and Michelle Hein. Each couple received a small box of chocolate covered cherries. They had a fun time.

By Jonette Boyd
Char Dwyer
Clint Jones

One day I went to the zoo. I saw an elephant. That elephant was talking to the chief of the fire department. The elephant said, "I want to work for you." "Sure you can work for me." Then, they went to a big fire. No one got hurt. The elephant was very good at fighting fires. One day the chief said, "We are sorry but we don't need you any more. And they let him go and said goodbye. Then she had some children. The end.

By Nathan Jones
2nd Grade

PTO MEETING

Monday, February 16, 1981, parents and teachers attended a PTO meeting at John Glenn. To start the meeting off, some fifth and sixth graders entertained the visitors with square dancing demonstrations. Mr. McQuary taught them the dances. The groups are:

Group one - Wendell Wuestenberg
Jenny Nagy
Joe DeSalvo
Susie Mathison
Brad Van Blaricom
Sarah Ohsann
Jim Hinckley
Jenny Sailor

Group two - Jeff McKinney
Kelly McFate
Andrew Tank
Denise Kaczinski
Doug McMurrin
Ashley Frye
Danny Meyer
Jennifer Corbin

Group three - Kelly Tobias
Tim Chapin
Tami Welsh
Todd Flynn
Dana Hoffmann
Mike Conard
Wendy Keppy
Scott Kraft

Refreshments were served as the adults proceeded to the open area for the program. A film, Take Pride in Iowa Schools, was shown. Then there was a slide presentation, Take Pride in North Scott Schools. Dr. "Bear" Stevens was the speaker.

By Ashley Frye

THE SWING SHOW

Wednesday, March 18th, the Swing Choir came to our school. The people who came were sopranos: Emily Birtell, Mandy Knapper, Tammy Kreiter, Debbie O'Malley, Sue Schneckloth, and Lana Wiese, altos: Kristen Albrecht, Ann Hamann, Teresa Heggen, Wendy Krupa, Lori Simkins, and Lisa Vis, tenors: Roger Bourn, Brad Church, Chris Jones, Kurt Kreiter, Jeff Rauch, and basses: Tim Bohman, Jerry Groe, Shawn Fairweather, Jim Wehde, Mike Wehde, Kevin Waetke, the director, and Lori Moon, accompanist.

Mandy Knapper, a former John Glenn student, said that she loves participating in the Swing Shows. She started her interest in 7th grade, and has worked her way up ever since. She likes it because it gives her opportunities to sing popular music. Also because it's an honor to be in Swing Choir. They start in fall with tryouts, and about a week later they practice in the morning before school. After Christmas they start practicing Mondays and Thursdays. During the week of the show they have rehearsal every night on the stage for about three hours and then comes the show. That Saturday they have a party for the cast.

By Bekah Knapper

HERMAN THE KITE

Once upon a time there was a kite named Herman. Well, Herman liked being a kite - until one day his owner went out to fly Herman. See, Herman was afraid of heights and his owner did not know that. When his owner got Herman in the air Herman got very scared and fell down. Herman's owner picked him up and flew him again. Herman got scared again and fell to the ground; and then he got flown again. But this time he got caught in a tree. But he wasn't hurt so he got flown again. This time he got caught in power lines and did not look so good after that so he went down in history.

The end.

By Wesley Schwanke
4 Blue

A LOST ELEPHANT
By Mike Furan

There was a fire. There was an elephant in the back of the firetruck. How the firemen were surprised. But they wanted to keep it. So they went to the firechief and asked if they could keep it. So the chief let them have it and it went along to fires. The elephant always went to help put the fire out. And he was the best of all of them. And after about ten years he had to leave the fire department and so he traveled and traveled and traveled until he found a place to rest. And then he was a wild one and had horns and baby's.

IRAN PROGRAM

On February 6th, we had a visitor, Johnnie Hicks, who has lived in Iran for four years. She told us what life in Iran was like. She taught us some Iranian words, such as: jubes, (that means ditches), farde, (means tomorrow) and bazaar, (a place to trade items).

She also mentioned that most people in Iran don't really hate Americans. Mrs. Hicks showed some slides of the people. They didn't look at all cruel. She now lives in the Quad City area and works at Virgil Grissom School in Princeton.

By Char Dwyer
and
Jonette Boyd

WRESTLING

This is what two people had to say about the wrestling tournament that North Scott had for the fourth through sixth grades.

Brian Jones - He got eighth place when he wrestled. He thought it was very interesting and fun, and he enjoyed wrestling. He hopes to do better next year.

Scott Ambort - Even though he was unable to attend the final meet, he got eighth place, too. He had a good time at practice and he's going to give it another shot next year.

By Clint Jones

MY KITE

It goes and goes,
Higher and higher,
Free 'till the end of its line.
Swaying high in the sky,
No problems or worries,
Carefree and wild.
Never in hurries,
Dancing in breezes soft as a sigh.
Being teased by passing clouds,
To them and only them it bows.

By Mary Strohbehn
4 Blue

ELEPHANT WHO WANTED TO BE A FIREMAN
By Tenley Murphy

One day there were some elephants who wanted to be firemen. But the firemen just laughed. They said they would do the best they could. But the firemen just laughed and laughed. The elephants didn't give up. They said, "We will put the fires out with our trunks." The firemen didn't laugh that time. They were thinking. They said, "All right, if you don't get in any trouble." "Thank you," said the elephants and they had a good time getting Gehrls cat out of our tree.

HANSEL & GRETEL

Ashley Frye started doing plays in Junior Theater when she was eight years old. Her first big play was Hansel & Gretel. She was Gretel. Ashley said she had over 50 lines to memorize but she said she had a lot of fun. She had to practice two days a week. The first performance was January 17, 1981 and the second performance was January 24. The times were 10:00, 1:00, and 3:00. She said one goof was when the children's father came on stage looking for them and they were right behind him. Hansel and Gretel at the time were supposed to be covered up by leaves. She said that it got boring between performances because there was a one to two hour break.

By Ashley Frye

NEW TEACHER

Since the last semester, we have had a new school teacher. Her name is Mrs. Kambel. She's taking Mrs. Roush's place until the end of the year. She really likes her new job. She said she likes all the kids in the school. She used to work in Cedar Rapids and then she moved here and worked as a substitute teacher. She teaches the children how to read and to like reading. She also teaches them vowel sounds, understanding what you read, and how to count the numbers of syllables in a word. She lives in Eldridge. She has two sons: 5 and 9.

By Ashley Frye

TOP O' THE MORNIN'

St. Patrick's Day was really a blast. Everyone had fun. We no more got in the building before we saw signs that the leprechauns had been here. Signs and balloons were everywhere. Names of staff members had suddenly become Irish, such as Mr. O'Ragona. A Blarney Stone was on a chair in the middle of the entrance. (According to legend, if you kiss the Blarney Stone, it brings you lots of luck.) Mr. O'Ragona said anyone who kissed it would get a longer recess at noon. Everyone must have kissed it because we got our extended recess.

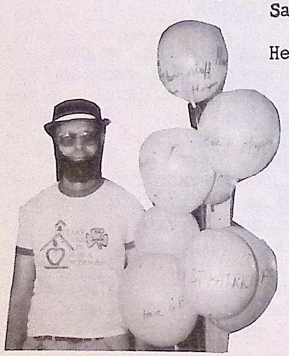
We dressed up and had several "green" contests. The classes that were judged to look the most "green" were Mrs. Christensen's second graders and 5 Blue. What was their prize? Popcorn! Green, of course!

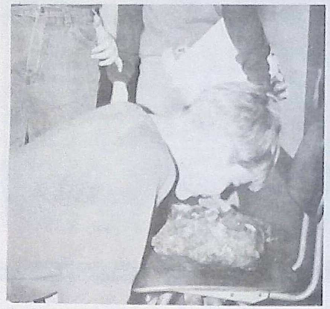
Katie O'Connor, Derek Murphy, Pat McBride, and Jon McKinney won prizes for the most Irish names.

The individuals who dressed the most in green were Rod McFate, Peggy Ranson, Jill Marti, Connie Braden, Cory Reese, and Mrs. O'Tobin.

These reporters wondered who the leprechaun leader was. We asked some people who they thought it was but no one knew. Tracks were leading to Delmar's supply room so we decided to ask him. He smiled sheepishly and looked rather guilty.

By Guest Reporters
Sara Shumaker
and
Heather Snyder





I traveled and traveled until I finally reached the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow, only to discover it was being blocked by a giant. He looked furiously at me. I said, "P-p-p-pardon me, M-m-m-mister. Is this y-y-y-your gold?"

"Yes, and just where do you think you're going?"

"I was going to get the pot of gold."

"Well, you might as well go home, unless you think you can pass me, you Little Twirp."

"Little Twirp, huh? Well, I challenge you to a contest."

"O.K., Twirp, but on one condition - that I can be rough."

"O.K. What contest do you want me to beat you at?"

"I have a map and it shows the way to get to my house. I'll go one way and you go the other way."

"O.K., Twirp. You can say go."

"O.K. Here's the way you can go. First we start here tomorrow and then we go our separate ways."

THE NEXT DAY:

"Well, Giant. Are you ready?"

"Yes."

"Well, here's your map to show you your way. Of course, I get the shorter way."

"O.K., Twirp!"

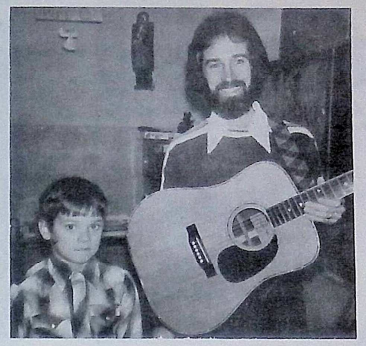
"I forgot to tell you there will be a part where we will be running side by side."

"O.K., Twirp."

Well, as you guessed, the Twirp won, but because the Giant was showing off.

The end.

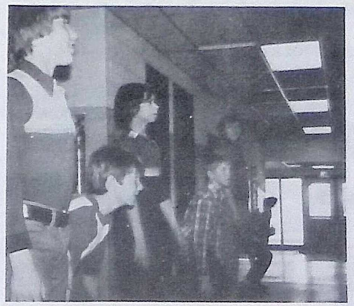
By Rick Zaruba
4 Blue



Aaron Corbin brought his uncle, Dan Holst, to entertain the second graders. He owns a music store in Kansas and does lots of sharing of his musical talents. He brought a banjo and both a six and a twelve-stringed guitar. He explained the history of the guitar, telling the kids the guitar came from France and was used for kings. He demonstrated classical guitar and played and sang folk songs, including "Puff, the Magic Dragon".

One day I met the Wizard of Wallaby Wallow. I stepped on his toe and he put a spell on me. He changed me into a pig. I got so mad I charged at him and pushed him down the street! When he got up he got so mad he came to me and pushed me down the street. When I got up I kicked him.

By Layne Marti



THE OPERETTA

Miss Balsar has been working with fourth through sixth graders on an operetta. She has been working at home doing some of the stage works and changing parts in some of the songs. The other staff members have also been helping her. It will be April 10, 1981, and we hope everyone will be here.

By Clint Jones
and
Lisa Wiese

THE OLD CREAMERY THEATRE COMPANY

presents...

'LITTLE THINGS'

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"LITTLE THINGS"

We had a really neat assembly on March 11, put on by some members of the Old Creamery Theater. They acted out several different skits, each one teaching us a lesson. Some of the skits were: "Ha! Ha! Haynes", "The Sausage Makers", "The Gift of Luck", "The Holidays", and "The Magic Flute". The actors themselves were many of the props and most props were black and white. Their actions were very stiff, deliberated, and animated gestures. Drums, cymbals, and percussion instruments were used to create different moods in the skits. A narrator was used and she retold the lesson each skit was trying to teach us.

They told many jokes and did many funny things. Once a man stopped a horse and then yelled "Whoa!" One joke they told was "What did Tarzan say when the elephants came over the hill?" ANSWER: "The elephants are coming."

All of the actors were very good and really seemed happy to be here. The whole school really enjoyed it. We hope they come back again.

By Guest Reporters
Sheryl Fahrenkrog
Carla Gronewold
Terrie Lewis
Jennifer McReynolds
Holly Meyer
Jesse Peterson
Mike Reese
Mike Ruggeberg
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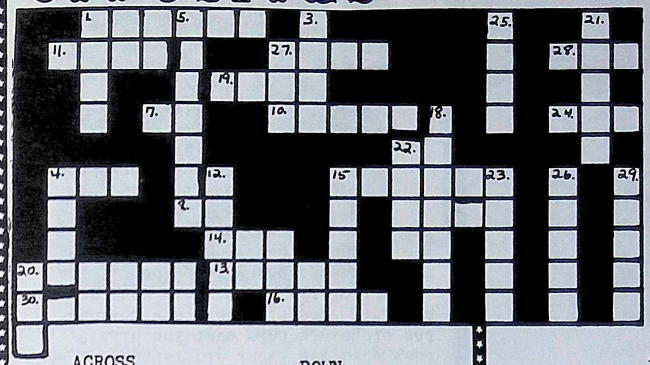
'LITTLE THINGS'

OPPOSITES

By Jenny Sailor



ACROSS

1. winter
4. on
7. out
8. come
10. recess
11. love
13. before
14. cat
15. rough
16. ugly
19. boy
20. cook
24. no
27. slow
28. women
30. question

DOWN

1. pepper
3. short
4. under
5. night
12. tomorrow
15. dumb
18. sister
20. skinny
21. land
22. up
23. sad
25. sharp
26. black
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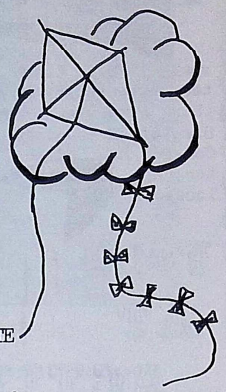


A KITE

A kite, a kite,
Up, up, up in the sky,
So high in the sky.
Like a bird,
Like a fly,
Up high in the sky.
Fly so free.
I wish I was he.

By Mary Greve
4 Gold

One day I met the Wizard of Wallaby Wallow. I stepped on his toe and he put a magic spell on me. He changed me into a horse. I said I liked it, so he changed me into a frog. I said I liked that too, so he changed me back and went down the road to think.

By Angela Peel

One day I met the Wizard of Wallaby Wallow. I stepped on his toe and he turned me into a cat. He gave me a leash and sent me on my way. He headed me towards the street, but I turned the corner of his house and went to play. I felt happy.

By Chad Stinson

MRS. STOKE'S FIRST GRADE

These children are brushing up on their numbers since it is a goal of first grade to learn to recognize numbers up to 100 and count by 2, 5, and 10 to 100. They have also begun a unit on Iowa. They will learn the state bird, flower, tree, major cities, products, flag, and to recognize the state on a map.

THANKS

We, the Students of John Glenn, would like to thank the parent volunteers who taught us activities this third nine weeks. They are: Mrs. Biester, Mrs. Bishop, Mrs. Clark, Mr. Conard, Mr. and Mrs. Keppy, Mrs. Marten, Mr. Schoenthaler, and Mrs. Wallace.

FUN AT ACTIVITY

BREADMAKING

Mrs. Wallace had the activity of breadmaking. They made a tea ring, pizza, cinnamon rolls, pretzels, donuts, and teddy bears (bread in the shape of a teddy bear.) Mrs. Wallace bakes regularly at home and says, "There's nothing to it." She especially enjoys baking tea rings and cinnamon rolls. She likes to try new recipes and often tries different things she makes up herself, such as cheese bread. Everyone who took breadmaking agreed that it was a very tasty activity.

MINI COOKING

In Mini Cooking we make lunches and learn how to cook. So far we have made pizza, taco salad, enchaladas, spaghetti, and more. The teacher is Mrs. Bishop. It is a lot of fun.

By Terry Schmidt

TAI-KWON-DOE

Tai-kwon-doe is a Korean martial art that consists of many different kicks and punches. We have learned 5 different kicks. They are low snap kick, high snap kick, high kick, low kick, and side kick. We have learned 2 punches; right hand and left hand. Now we are learning combinations. The teacher is Ken Schoenthaler.

By Terry Schmidt

One day I met the Wizard of Wallaby Wallow. I stepped on his toe and he casted a spell on me. He turned me into a horse!!! (The horse life) I didn't think being a horse was that bad. So I went to the pasture and I ran around. By the time I got home, the spell had worn off. When I got home Mom was very angry at me. Then end.

By Jean Filson

ROCKETS

Mr. Conard has rockets for one of our activity periods. He's been making rockets for about twenty years. He always thought rocketry was interesting and fun. He decided to teach building rockets because he had free time. He likes the kids he works with and he plans to do it again.

By Clint Jones

BINGO ON FRIDAY

Every Friday in last quarter's activity, Mrs. Biester came in and taught bingo. She had a lot of fun. The kids in her class enjoyed having her teach bingo.

By Krista Wiese

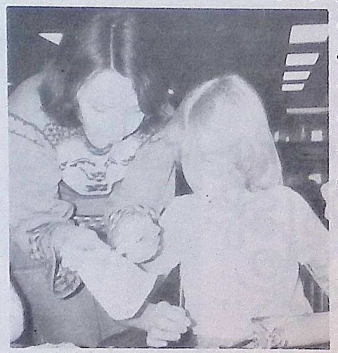
One day I met the Wizard of Wallaby Wallow. I stepped on his toe and he put a magic spell on me. Then he walked away and then I went home.

When I got home, and when I went in, my mother kicked me out. When I was out I changed in to myself, then I went in the house.

By Michael Abbot

Bev Keppy is teaching counted cross-stitch to 15 girls this quarter. This stitchery resembles needlepoint, but is worked from a graph onto blank even-weave fabric. Mrs. Keppy said she first became interested in counted cross stitch when her daughter had to give a presentation on counted cross-stitch to her 4-H Club. She said that she hopes the girls will be able to complete 3 projects this 9 weeks. They include a bookmark, a pincushion, and their monogram. She thinks it is a good hobby for kids because it isn't expensive to get started and you can pick it up and get a lot done in a short time.

By Wendy Keppy



LONG DISTANCE RUNNING

This quarter Jack Keppy is "running" an activity of Long Distance Running. About 50 kids are in this activity. Before we start running, we do exercises, then we run outside if it's good weather Sometimes we run around the fence or run laps around the gym. Jack runs with us.

Sometimes he times us with a stop watch. He said he likes to run. He says it's a serious hobby. He runs whenever he gets a chance. He runs in many different places, like the bike path, but most of the time on the gravel road. He said he also runs in lots of races. He wants to run in about 20 races this year. Mr. Keppy really encourages people to run. He runs an average of 5 miles every time he runs. He doesn't get tired and he never stops.

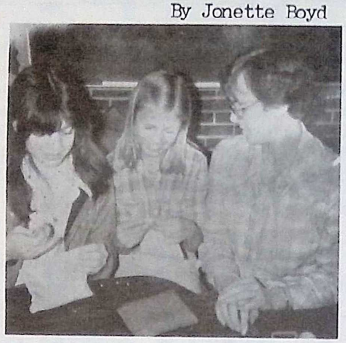
Do you run?

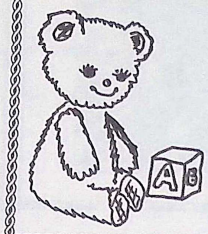
By Jenny Sailor
and
Denise Kaczinski

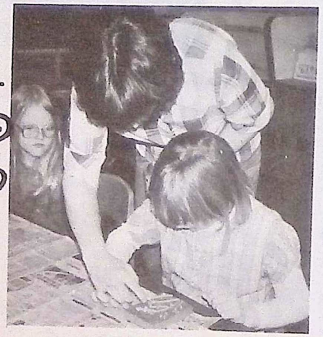
BABYSITTING

Mrs. Marten teaches babysitting on Tuesdays. They have been making things for children. They also have been making a kit. It consists of a beanbag, (which they made), Kleenex, and a book. Some people have brought in their children and kids in the activity try to interest them. Mrs. Marten says she enjoys doing this. Some of the kids in this activity also babysit at home.

By Jonette Boyd







QUILLING

Quilling is a craft in which you take strips of thin, narrow paper and roll them up and glue them on a board and varnish it. This activity costs 50¢. Quilling makes great presents for moms, or birthdays, or any gift. It's not very hard to do. I interviewed Mrs. Clark, and she answered some questions for me. She said she got interested in quilling after seeing a demonstration in a craft shop. She has done lots of quilling, including a stork for a newborn baby.

By Char Dwyer

PLAYS AND PLAYS

Mrs. Porth's students have done several plays this year. Each student has been in at least one play. The plays are in their reading books. The children make some of the props themselves and bring some from home. Sometimes they give the plays for the kindergarten or first grades. Doing plays gives them a chance to use expression and "ham" it up. They all enjoy acting.

One day I met the Wizard of Wallaby Wallow. I stepped on his toe and he jumped up and turned around and scowled at me. What happened! He stepped right back on my toe. I felt mad and started home. The end.

By Angie Siebke

One day a fireman went to the zoo and said to his friend, "We could use an elephant at the station". So they took the elephant to the station. But the zoo keeper said, "Wait a minute!" But the firemen were too far away to hear him. The next two days there was a big fire and the elephant went with them. Jeff, Ron, Nathan, Mike, and my brother and I were walking on the side walk. David said, "Look at the elephant!" So we did. Then the firetruck got to the fire. The elephant got off the firetruck. He went to the fire and blew water on the fire, but he ran out of water. So the firemen hooked his tail to the fire hydrant and so he was able to put out the fire.

By Dan Lafrenz

BASIC SKILLS

From January 20-23rd, the students from 1st grade through 6th grade were taking Iowa Tests of Basic Skills. When we came to school that Monday, the whole open area was switched around. There were 2 students per table. We took the tests to find out what we have learned and what we have to learn. Every year we take the tests, they are drawn in on a line graph. It shows your individual student growth and shows your weak and strong areas. Results will be back in March.

Here's what some people thought about basic skills.

Jenny Siebke said she thought they were hard, but fun, because of all the recesses.

Chad Schoenthaler said he didn't like them because they were hard.

John Sailor said that the tests are only trying to test your brain.

Jill Marti said that they are not so bad and she likes the extra recesses.

Clint Jones thinks it's slavery and they give you too hard of tests and they try to use your brain till there's nothing left of it.

What do you think?

By Jenny Sailor
and
Susie Mathison

MATH BEE

On February 27, 1981, a group of five John Glenn sixth grade students went to Marycrest College in Davenport to participate in a math contest. They were Dale Paustian, Doug McMurrin, Susie Mathison, Jenny Siemsen, and Lisa Wiese.

From 73 Eastern Iowa schools, there were 375 kids, including 75 alternates. The 300 kids who weren't alternates were the ones who were scored for the contest. Our team scored in seventh place. Dale Paustian took honors for scoring ninth out of 300 participants.

To start off, we went into the entrance to register. Then we went into the gym and a man told us what room number to go to. After a while, the teachers gave us the test and told us how long the test was going to be. After five tests, we had punch and cookies: then we went back to take three more tests. When we were done taking the tests, we waited until everyone was finished before returning to the gym to hear the results and receive our awards. We kids on the math team want to thank Mr. Garrington for teaching us the basics.

After the contest, Mr. Garrington took us to McDonalds.

By Lisa Wiese
and
Susie Mathison

PATROL

The people who wanted to be on patrol had to take a patrol test. This test had true or false questions about patrol. Below are the names of people who made the patrol.

Captain: Susie Mathison
Lieutenant: Dale Paustian
Lisa Wiese
Officers: Jenny Siemsen
Rod McFate
Neal Fischer
Kari Lake
Brad Van Blaricom
Jenny Sailor
Sarah Ohsann
Julie Wadsworth
Wendell Wuestenberg
Bekah Knapper
Terry Schmidt
Andrew Tank
Kim McBride
Sohn Smith
Jonette Boyd
Tracy Dempsey
Krista Wiese
Chris Siebke
Kelly O'Connor
Char Dwyer
Doug McMurrin
Ashley Frye

Some of the duties of patrol are monitoring the halls, outside noon duty, kindergarten, crosswalk, and bus. About once every month the patrol has a meeting. During these meetings, Mr. Garrington talks about the duties of the patrol and how we can do better. This year the school got some new raincoats and hats for the patrol members to use on duty.

By Jonette Boyd
and
Bekah Knapper

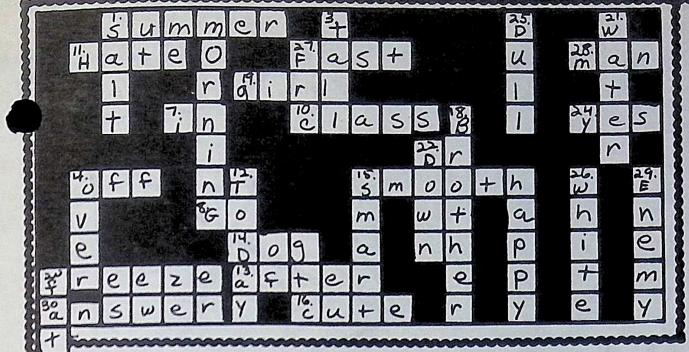
One day I met the Wizard of Wallaby Wallow. I stepped on his toe and he scolded me. His eyes looked red as fire. It scared me half to death. And he turned me into a mouse! And I lived in a little house. And I felt awful.

By Debbie McGinnis

THE KITE

I had a kite that could fly high.
That kite was such a sight.
It was red with blue spots.
It had a bright tail.
It cost five dollars.
I put it around my dog's collar.
And that is the end of the tale.

Mike Ruggeberg



Find and circle each of these words.

By Bekah Knapper

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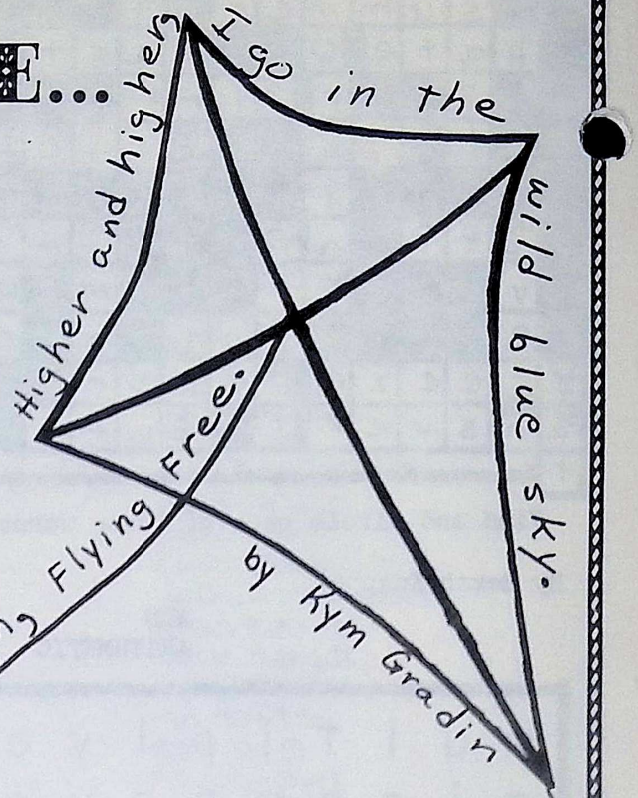
GO FLY A KITE...

Kites, kites in the air.
They look so fair.
Different colors,
Different shapes.
Some like airplanes,
Some look like birds.
But the ones I like,
Are the ones with keys.

By Grayson Higby
4 Blue



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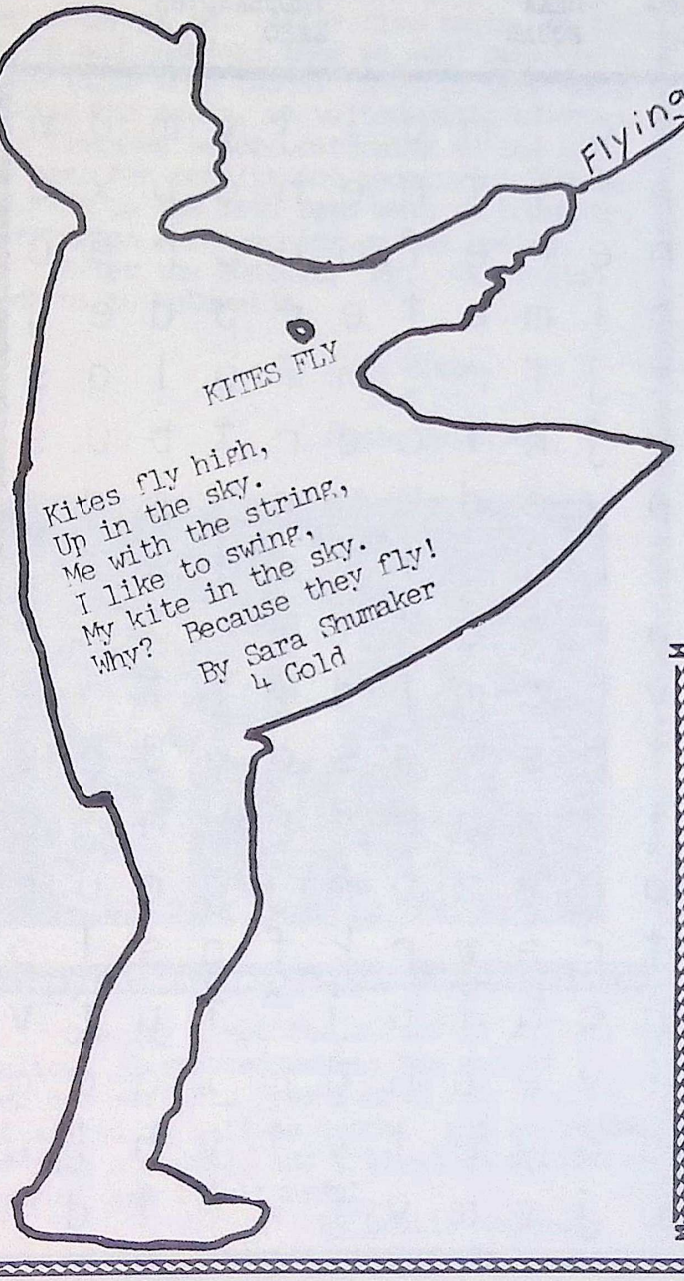

Kites fly high,
Up in the sky.
Me with the string,
I like to swing,
My kite in the sky.
Why? Because they fly!

By Sara Shumaker
4 Gold

RULES

1. Always use wood and paper in your kite - not wire or metal.
2. Always use dry string - not wire or anything metallic.
3. Always fly your kite on days when there is no rain.
4. Always fly your kite FAR FROM ELECTRIC POWER LINES.
5. Always avoid busy streets and highways while flying your kite.
6. Always keep away from fallen wires.
7. Always fly your kite far from TV and radio antennas.
8. Always call your power company if your kite gets snagged in a power line. Do not pull the string or climb power poles.